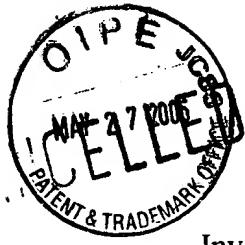


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AMENDMENT C

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 5 of this paper.